

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Claim 13 is pending in the application as of the Office Letter mailed 9/07/06. Applicant assumes, given that the Examiner found the response mailed 10/27/06 to be "nonresponsive", that numbering of the claims will commence from claim number 13.

That said, please cancel claim 13 and enter new claims 14-18.

Listing of the Claims:

1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (New) A column device comprising:

- a) a chamber comprising a multiplicity of compartments; and
- b) in at least one of said compartments a solid support capable of binding either an MHC antigen:functional molecule complex or an artificial antigen presenting cell.

15. (New) A column device according to claim 14 wherein said artificial antigen presenting cell comprises:

- a) a liposome comprising a lipid bilayer comprised of neutral phospholipids and cholesterol;
- b) at least one GM-1 ganglioside molecule disposed in the lipid bilayer;
- c) a cholera toxin B subunit bound to a GM-1 ganglioside molecule ;
- d) an MHC:antigen component wherein said MHCJJ:antigen component is bound to the cholera toxin B subunit; and
- e) an accessory molecule that can stabilize an interaction between a T cell receptor and the antigen-loaded MHC component.

16. (New) A column device of claim 14 wherein said multiplicity of compartments are positioned in relation to one another in series, said compartments having a channel interconnecting adjacent compartments, said channels further having a means to isolate said compartments from one another, said compartments further having at least one entrance and at least one exit ports for receiving or expelling, respectively, a flowable medium, said ports further having a means to close said ports to impede said flowable medium.
17. (New) A column device according to claim 16 wherein at least one of said compartments comprises solid supports capable of binding and immobilizing an artificial APC or alternatively capable of binding directly MHC:antigen:functional molecule complexes.
18. (New) A column device according to claim 17 wherein binding and immobilizing of an artificial APC is by a solid support capable of binding an irrelevant molecule.